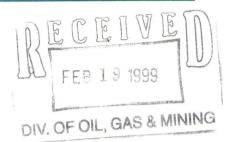


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# VEGETATION INVENTORY BLUE CASTLE MINE GoldTerra

On February 3, 1999 E.I.S. conducted a vegetation inventory for the proposed Blue Castle Mine site. Mel Coonrod and David Steed conducted the inventory.

The area was divided into two separate units. Unit A: Vegetated area and Unit B: Bare Mancos. (See exhibit 1, Unit A and exhibit 2, Unit B.) The bare Mancos area was devoid of any vegetation, therefore Unit B is not considered relative to species lists or productivity.

Unit A has relatively poor productivity, estimated at approximately 100 pounds per square acre. The soil is largely weathered mancose with a scattering of sandstone flakes. The total depth of both A and B horizons averages less than 3 inches in most areas.

A total inventory of the area was conducted. Follows is a list of species which were identified:

#### **GRASSES:**

Galleta

Hilaria jamesii

Needle & Thread

Stipa comata

Indian Rice Grass

Oryzopsis hymenoides

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#### **FORBS:**

Penstemon Chrysothamnus Snakeweed Juniper globe mallow Cactus

Prickly pear cactus

Halogeton

Penstemon sp.
Chrysothamnus nauseosus
Gutierrezia sarothrae
Sphaeralcea digitata
Sclerocactus sp.
Opuntia polyacantha
Halogeton glomeratus

#### **SHRUBS:**

Fourwing saltbush Mat saltbush Winterfat Rubber rabbitbrush Shadscale Atriplex canescens Atriplex corrugata Krascheninnikovia lanata Chrysothamnus nauseosus Atriplex confertifolia

Representative photos are attached as Exhibits 3-10.

# TES INVENTORY BLUE CASTLE MINE SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



Exhibit # 1

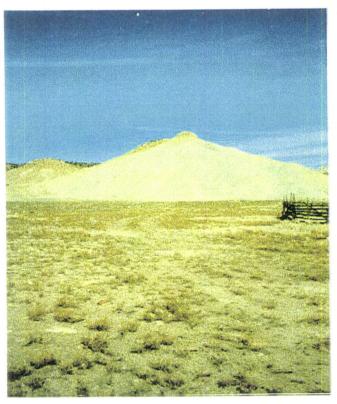


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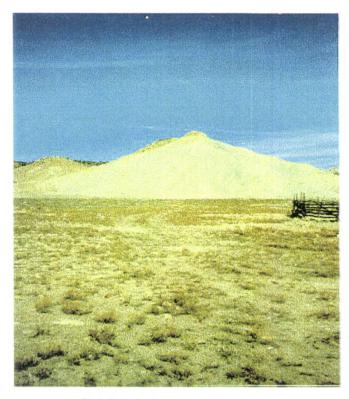


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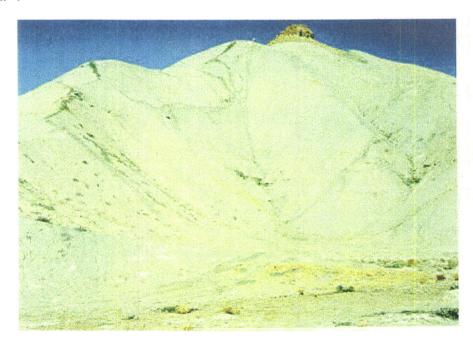


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Exhibit #3 Chrysothamnus



Exhibit # 4 Penstemon

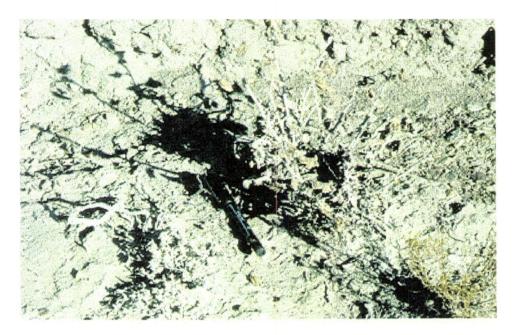


Exhibit # 5 Globe mallow

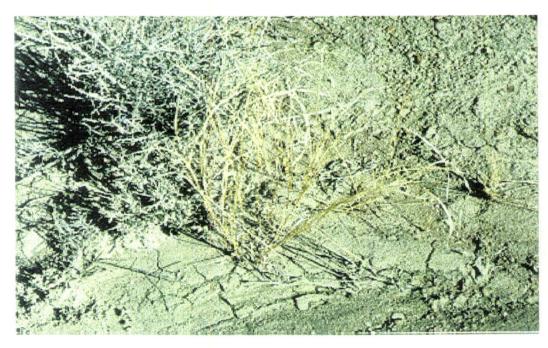


Exhibit # 6 Needle & thread grass



Exhibit #7 Galleta



Exhibit # 8 Snakeweed



Exhibit # 9 Fishhook cactus



Exhibit # 10 Prickly pear cactus